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EXAMINING GROUP 3738
PATENT**
Customer Number 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/753,448)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Filed: January 4, 2001)	Examiner: K. LANDREM
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For: EXPANSION-ASSISTING)	
DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR)	
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, the period for response to which extends through July 1, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, Applicant proposes to amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The drawing changes are discussed in this paper at page 4.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks are included on page 16 of this paper.